

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael S. Strano, *et al.*

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action ("Office Action") mailed October 17, 2008 and having a shortened statutory period for reply of three months set to expire on January 17, 2009, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the remarks and amendments set forth in this response as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 5 of this paper.